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SUBJECT: SUKREE SUKREEPIROM

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT USG DISMAY SHOULD BE EXPRESSED AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE RTG LEVEL OVER THE TURN OF EVENTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. THE IMPORTANCE OF SUKREE IN THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC SHOULD BE STRESSED AS WELL AS THE USG'S COOPERATION IN HIS APPREHENSION. THE IMPRESSION SHOULD BE LEFT WITH APPROPRIATE RTG OFFICIALS THAT THE LACK OF JUDICIAL FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THIS AND SIMILAR CASES IS BOUND TO ERODE US CONFIDENCE IN THE RTG'S SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE AND COOPERATION IN CONTROLLING ILLICIT NARCOTICS ORIGINATING AND TRANSITTING THAILAND.

2. THE EMBASSY SHOULD INQUIRE, AS WELL, INTO WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THE RTG IS NOW PURSUING TO BRING SUKREE BACK INTO THAI CUSTODY.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF SUKREE'S RELEASE, THE AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO MENTION THIS DEVELOPMENT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. KISSINGER

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